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I'm reminded of a little story. This is a real good story. A fellow was standing out in his backyard just a beating the drum. His neighbor come over and he said 'Hey, what are you beating the drum for'? He said, 'I'm scaring off elephants'. The guy looked around and he said 'Well I don't see any elephants'. he said 'It's a success' and he started beating the drum again.

So let's pass this bill. It's just like beating the drum to scare off the elephants. There aren't any elephants, but pass the bill. We need it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Kelly a question if I may.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes sir.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Has it been determined, how much the upkeep might be on these sculptures?

SENATOR KELLY: No it has not been determined what the upkeep for these sculptures would be. Mr. Tom Doyle, in Omaha, stated that it would be his opinion that it would be \$2500 a year. My opinion is somewhat different then that.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Like what?

SENATOR KELLY: I would suspect more in the neighborhood of \$30 to \$40 thousand a year.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Kelly one question.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes sir.

SENATOR CARSTEN: What would be the circumstances if this body failed to pass this resolution?

SENATOR KELLY: The situation would probably be covered in the most current letter from Mr. Tom Doyle, Department of Roads, whereby he has threatened this Legislature, that if they do not pass something by the 1st of February, that he is, on his own under his statutory authority, going to sign the contracts that will place the sculptures.

SENATOR CARSTEN: In other words, he's going to accept them regardless of what we do.

SENATOR KELLY: Well if he does then he has backed out on his previous word.